



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of GERRIT J. KEESMAN

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Title: BUFFER MANAGEMENT IN VARIABLE BIT-RATE  
COMPRESSION SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENT

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 1997, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please ADD the following new claims:

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6. *v*The method as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the step of deriving the second bit rate is carried out by changing the percentage of the first bit rate in response to changes in the first bit rate in such a manner as to maintain a substantially constant fullness level of the buffer.

11. The apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the means coupled to said encoder stage derives the second bit rate by changing the percentage of the first bit rate in response to changes in the first bit rate in such a manner as to maintain a substantially constant fullness level of said buffer.

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